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1. In the middle of August 1954, all employees of the printing press in Prague<sup>1</sup> were kept in the establishment for four or five days.
2. A general rumor is circulating in Czechoslovakia that a new currency reform will be introduced shortly, under which the rate of exchange will be one Czechoslovak crown (Kcs) to one USSR ruble. The rumor was particularly strong at the time of the above incident.
3. There is a rumor, not so widespread, that new ration cards for meat and fat will again be issued. No one (sic) talks of the possibility of a new civil identity document (Obcansky prukaz-OP).

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1. Comment: Presumably the State Printing Press (Statni tiskarna), National Enterprise, in Prague.

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